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## A helping hand



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Pelham and West Lincoln firefighters teamed up to extinguish a fire on the second floor of an automotive garage near the intersection of Regional Road 20 and Schram Road. No injuries were reported in the fire that started shortly after 4 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 10 in Welland.

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# UPFRONT

## TRANSIT

# Low-key start for Pelham bus service

**WAYNE CAMPBELL**  
Special to the Tribune

Few people hopped on the bus for the first runs of Pelham Transit this week.

Town recreation director Vickie van Ravenswaay said Tuesday she was getting a lot of interest in phone calls, e-mails and visits so she expected continued promotion and free rides

for the rest of September would draw people to the service.

"We have already made some changes in the schedule that we drew up over the weekend," she said.

She invited people to e-mail her any suggestions for improvements, such as extending routes or adjusting stops.

Schedules are on the

town's website, [www.pelham.ca/transit](http://www.pelham.ca/transit).

The one-bus transit system, run by Sharp Bus Lines Ltd., uses a 16-seat vehicle designed to accommodate wheelchairs and other accessible features. It will include a bike rack.

"We haven't got our own bus yet. We are just borrowing this one," van Ravenswaay said.

When the new one arrives Sept. 21, she expects to hold a formal launch of the service following the current "soft opening."

Pelham Transit is offering a three-part service. In the morning and afternoon, it runs a regular transit service from Fenwick through Fonthill to the Seaway Mall in Welland to link with Niagara Regional Transit, and

then back to Fonthill and Fenwick.

The services include five hours of daily public transit, a by-appointment trans-cab for up to five hours, and special event shuttles.

For the pilot project, Pelham received a \$100,000 provincial grant from the Ministry of Transportation. It encourages experiments

in rural transit. For its part, the town must contribute \$60,000.

Pelham is working with Thorold to arrange for a stop at a Thorold fire station on Regional Road 20 near Highway 406. It would make a shorter link to the Niagara Regional Transit, said the recreation director.

## POLICE

# NRP board member's boss hired for survey

**BILL SAWCHUK**  
Standard Staff

The Niagara Regional Police Services Board has hired the employer of one of its members to conduct a public opinion survey.

Carmen D'Angelo, the head of DPM Consulting, addressed the board's business plan steering committee on the survey Thursday afternoon.

D'Angelo is also chief administrative officer of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, which employs Police Services Board member David Barrick as director of operations.

"The answer I got when I raised the concern is that the member (Barrick) wasn't voting (on the contract)," said board member Vaughn Stewart.

"We had a small sub-committee that included the chair Bob Gale and the vice-chair, Alan Petrowski. We were

tasked with finding someone to do an external survey and (D'Angelo) approached the chair, Bob Gale, with an unsolicited proposal."

The unstructured survey is meant to solicit community input on to solicit community input for a provincially mandated business plan. It comes with a \$25,000 price tag.

"I didn't deal with David Barrick," D'Angelo said. "I presented the proposal to Mr. Petrowski, Gale and Stewart."

"I came in with my proposal to the chair, I knew they were on a tight timeline. They chose my firm. I'm happy they chose my firm. Maybe the next time they will tender it."

In an earlier interview, Barrick said he didn't want to speak on behalf of the chair or vice-chair on the issue.

Gale said he wouldn't speak to Postmedia, which owns the Standard.

"I apologize, but because of

the negative articles that have been written, you won't be getting any comments from me," he said.

In a previous interview, Gale said the board wanted to use the survey to ask "hard questions" that will make the NRP better.

However, since its introduction in August, the survey's credibility has been attacked.

The Niagara Region Police Association, which represents DPM Consulting's file officers, raised questions about personal political agendas influencing its content.

D'Angelo defended the survey's methodology. He said he formed the questions himself using board agendas and policing issues in the media.

He then took the survey questions to the sub-committee for vetting.

D'Angelo said he was pleased with the results, and only regrets the wording of one question in the survey.

"No survey is perfect," he said. "Someone may criticize the survey. Someone may think it is good. I am always learning."

D'Angelo reassured board members the IP addresses of respondents were actively checked and filtered to prevent people from taking the survey more than once and skewing the data.

The survey is to run until Sept. 28 and has received more than 2,200 responses, D'Angelo said.

"You have a gentleman come in, and you ask him questions about the quality of his work," said Cliff Priest, president of the Niagara Region Police Association, who has criticized the survey in the past.

"What do you expect the answers are going to be? It is a part-time job for him. He announced quite openly that he was the CAO of the NPCA. Mr. Barrick works for him.

Carmen D'Angelo, the head of DPM Consulting, addresses the Niagara Regional Police Services Board business plan steering committee Thursday afternoon. DPM Consulting prepared and is collecting the data from a public survey on policing in Niagara on the behalf of the board.

It looks to me like a conflict, when your boss comes in out of the blue and bids on a contract.

"He said he called Bob Gale and told him his company does surveys. Why would he do that, unless you have been given a heads up by someone with knowledge?"

D'Angelo said he was taking a vacation day from his job at the NPCA to address the meeting, and added he understands Priest's criticism

and concerns.

"It is the nature of the beast," D'Angelo said. "Cliff has a job to do. His job is to protect his members, I get that."

"The chair said he didn't want vanilla questions and vanilla answers. At the end of the day I am cautiously optimistic the police association and its members will be happy when they see the results."

"Overall, people have a high respect for the rank and file."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BIZ BUZZ

# Now hear this: Hearing clinic is open

**Y**es, you're hearing this right.

Fonthill has a new hearing clinic, and owner and audiologist Alaina Hillier hopes the community will come in to check it out.

South Niagara Hearing Clinic is nestled in the Fonthill Shopping Centre, which also houses Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger. The clinic has been open for about a week and a half but will mark its official opening Friday.

"I've been thinking about it (opening a clinic) for about a year and a half to two years," Hillier said. "And then the location came up, which was perfect."

She has worked with private practices in Fort Erie and Niagara Falls for the past six years and will continue to do so full-time.

When she is not at her own practice in Fonthill, hearing aid fixes and cleanings can be done by office administrator Leslie Goodman.

Hillier said eventually she would like to see business at her own practice get so busy that she can work there full-time.

The clinic offers hearing aid maintenance, as well as hearing tests, therapy for ringing and buzzing in the ears and free classes on how to effectively communicate with hearing loss.

As an audiologist, Hillier does all the testing, diagnosis and prescriptions herself.

The Cooks Mills resident said the demographics of Fonthill, which has fewer hearing clinics than bigger centres, made it an ideal market to open her business in.

"What I kind of see is, I kind of see this clinic hopefully being a part of the community," Hillier said. "People can come in and visit or I can go out and visit. It's not just one way."

If you don't have a half time hearing, you might not think to get a hearing check-up, but Hillier said it's an important thing to keep track of, especially as you get older.

"I think over the age of 55, it's important just to have a baseline because that way in the future you can always compare back to that baseline," she said.

Hillier said she has been busy preparing the office and getting to know the community at the farmers market and is excited to open her doors for appraisals, music and conversation at her official opening. She said people can stop in any time if they have questions or want to just say hello.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursdays it stays open until 7 p.m. for appointments and walk-ins, and Saturdays by appointment only.

The Tribune's Biz Buzz column appears every Wednesday. If you have a business tip, send it to franki.lkeman@summa.ca or call 905-684-7251, ext. 1167.

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Owner and audiologist Alaina Hillier demonstrates an ear exam with office administrator Leslie Goodman at South Niagara Hearing Clinic.

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## Shipwrecks — Juno

**SKIP GILLHAM**  
For Postmedia Network

The Polish-owned bulk carrier Juno began coming to the Great Lakes in Sept. 2011, shortly after it had been completed at Tongzhou, China. The 190-metre long vessel operates under the flag of Bahamas and had made five inland trips to the end of 2014 with stops at Cleveland, Milwaukee, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay.

The ship did not have a lot of luck earlier this year. It ran aground under the Thousand Islands Bridge on April 20, 2015. The ship had lost steering due to a rudder failure while en route to Toronto with a cargo of sugar and was fortunate not to have struck the bridge. The vessel stranded on a ledge and was stuck for two days.

Then, on Aug. 2, Juno suffered a mechanical problem entering the Seaway and had to be towed back to Montreal and anchored for repairs. Once the work was done, the ship resumed the journey and reached Thunder Bay in mid-month to pick up a cargo of grain for overseas delivery.



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The Polish-owned bulk carrier Juno ran aground under the Thousand Islands Bridge on April 20, 2015.

# COMMENT

## Electing the chair to become accountable, open and democratic

DAVE AUGUSTYN  
For Postmedia Network

You may recall that in January, I wrote here about the effort to make the Niagara Regional government more accountable, open, and democratic, by electing the Regional Chair at large. What happened?

Well, Regional Council voted to defer the debate and get more historic information. That motion comes up for consideration at our Corporate Services committee on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

### Role of the Chair:

The full-time Regional Chair sets the legislative and economic agendas for the Region, presides over Council meetings, votes on every committee, and is the "face" of Niagara with Provincial, National, and other governments.

So, who serves as the face of the entire Niagara Region? Ironically, the Regional Chair is only accountable to the majority of Regional Councillors.

### Antiquated Process:

Our current process of appointing a sitting member of Council as chair comes from the Baldwin Act of 1849, which estab-

lished local County Councils. The names of the annually appointed, former Wardens of Welland County and Lincoln County are etched on plaques at the Regional HQ (across from Brock University).

When they first created Regional Governments in the 1970s, the Province also appointed the first Regional Chairs. After our first Chair (John Campbell) retired in 1985, Council appointed one of its own, Chair (Wilber Dick).

But, this appointment differs significantly from County Councils days — the new Chair give up his or her seat and is appointed for the entire four-year term of Council.

### Lagging Behind Other Regions:

All other Ontario Regional governments have already adopted a more accountable and democratic process to directly elect their Regional Chair at large or are in the process of doing so.

Waterloo Region (Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Wilmot, Wellesley, Woolwich, and North Dumfries) began electing their Chair 17 years ago. Halton Region (Burlington, Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills) has elected a Regional Chair since 2000. Durham Region (Pickering, Ajax,

Uxbridge, Oshawa, Whitby, and Clarington) first elected their Regional Chair last fall.

A bill to elect the York Region's (Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Whitchurch-Stouffville) Chair "at large" is currently before the Ontario Legislature. Finally, in 2013, Peel Regional Council (Brampton, Mississauga, and Caledon) directed staff to report in 2015 on options to directly elect their Chair for the 2018 municipal election.

### It's Time for Niagara:

It's clear that the way in which Niagara Region currently appoints its Regional Chair is antiquated, undemocratic, and out-of-synch with all other regions in Ontario.

That's why I am supporting the effort to change toward a directly elected Chair. If you agree, please contact your Mayor and Regional Councillor and / or send me an email directly at [mayordave@pelham.ca](mailto:mayordave@pelham.ca).

Let's work together now to become more open, transparent, accountable, and democratic in Niagara!

You may read Mayor Dave's past columns at [www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com](http://www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com).

## The Niagara Escarpment in perspective

**BRIAN BATY**  
Special to Postmedia

Following a series of articles in the local media about the Fonthill Kame Delta, this column starts off a series to explore the Niagara Escarpment, its history and geography, its oversight by the Niagara Escarpment Commission and other organizations, its categories of land use and how we can better update the areas of land use with modern GIS mapping and improved criteria.

It is believed that First Nations ancestors referred to the Niagara Escarpment as "The Giant's Rib". In recognition of this The Giant's Rib Discovery Centre was established in the Dundas Valley Conservation area to celebrate the past and current wonders of this geological phenomenon which bisects our province. Readers are advised to view a short YouTube presentation on the bottom of the homepage at [www.escarpment.org](http://www.escarpment.org) to see the Giant's Rib presentation which covers the geological history of the escarpment as well as a stunning view of several highlights of the formation and the programs offered by the Discovery Centre.

The Niagara Escarpment is a massive forested limestone ridge. It stretches more than 725 Kilometres from the Bruce Peninsula, dolostones and sandstones to the border with Western New York and to Rochester and extends to the West through to Wisconsin. It rises up in places more than a kilometre above sea level. Burlington's Mount Nemo lookout point is at the same level as the observation deck on the CN tower in Toronto. The most spectacular sections are found in Ontario where it is recognized as a World Biosphere Reserve as recognized by UNESCO.

The origins of the Niagara Escarpment date back more than 450 million years and is the result of a geological process when the limestone, dolostones and sandstones of the bedrock were deposited in a shallow sea known as the Michigan Basin. The present appearance of the escarpment is a result of the past 250 million years of erosion. With incredible rock cliffs, breathtaking waterfalls, underwater caves and 1,000-year old cedar trees, it tells a fascinating story of the natural history of Ontario.

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It is home to more than 300 bird species, 33 mammals, 36 reptiles and 100 fish and 100 varieties of special interest flora including 37 types of wild orchids;

Future articles will deal with the creation of the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the efforts to preserve and enhance this natural gem.

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## ■ POLICE

**Rider in trunk; no headlights on car headed to QEW**

Postmedia Network

It was a routine moment for a police officer. For a moment anyway.

A driver had been pulled over for impaired driving.

The driver failed a breath test, and his car load of friends were told the vehicle would be impounded and towed.

That's when they decided to tell the officer there was someone in the trunk.

"As police officers we deal with a lot of good people who are in need of our help," said Niagara Regional Police Const. Phil Gavin. "But a lot of the time we are dealing with people who have made some very bad decisions."

Gavin said the car in question was stopped around 3 a.m. in late August. Its headlights were not on as it approached the QEW, so officers pulled it over.

It was a small car, and along with the driver there were four passengers inside Gavin said.

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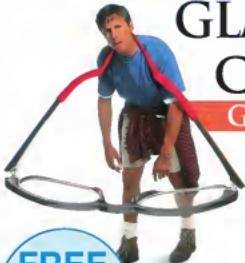
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## IN BRIEF

### Song for a queen

Pelham town council sang God Save The Queen on the eve of Queen Elizabeth II's record-breaking reign Tuesday.

On Wednesday, she passed Queen Victoria as the longest-serving British monarch, holding the throne for 63 years and seven months.

On Tuesday, council saluted the Queen with the royal anthem, showing the words and her photograph projected on a screen. It was the appropriate thing to do, said Mayor Dave Augustyn.

### Alzheimer coffee

#### break stops 10th time

Pelham town staff will join Alzheimer Society Niagara as it celebrates the 20th anniversary of National Coffee Break Day on Sept. 17.

Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation chairman Bob Miller told Pelham council the national campaign has raised \$18.5 million across Canada in 19 years. He also delivered a coffee break campaign kit to town staff.

The Coffee Break campaign was inspired by his late wife, Linda.

Miller expects 10,000 Canadian events in homes, work places, community centres, schools, churches, city halls and retail outlets — anywhere coffee other drinks or food is served and a donation collected.

Money raised nationally assists 747,000

people and their families dealing with progressive dementia, including 8,800 in Niagara.

With an aging population, it could affect 14 million Canadians over the next 20 years, Miller said.

Anyone can register for a free Coffee Break kit by phoning the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region at 905-687-3914 or by visiting [alzheimerniagara.ca](http://alzheimerniagara.ca).

Last year, the Niagara branch raised \$102,000. Its goal is \$105,000 this year.

### Library, town strike deal

Pelham town council and the Pelham Library Board reached an operating agreement clarifying ownership of the Fonthill and Fenwick Maple Acres branches.

The town owns the buildings, but leases them to the library for \$1 at annually. Renewal is automatic for another 20 years.

The library will cover capital expenses involving the structural integrity of the building, landscape, parking lot and electrical services, air conditioning and heating equipment.

### New corner under the road

A three-way deal between Niagara Region, Pelham and Fonthill Garden Inc. will clear the way for a new intersection off Regional Road 20, west of Rice Road.

Welspring Way will become a main entrance to a commercial, residential, healthcare and community centre development put together by the town and Fonthill Garden Inc., acting as partners.

Estimated cost of the intersection, subject to tendering, is \$523,000, said chief administrative officer Darren Owtowy.

The proposed project faced an Ontario Municipal Board challenge from two Regional Road 20 businesses. An agreement eased concerns over traffic islands and turning lanes.

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■ PUBLIC SAFETY

Lanterns land on Pelham farm with fuel tank

**GREG FURMINGER**  
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earlier this summer.

Pelham Fire Services is reminding residents that flying paper lanterns — also known as Chinese lanterns — are a potential fire hazard, particularly during the current hot and dry weather conditions.

Early this month the town's fire department was contacted by a Sumbler Road man who had found the remains of about 15 large flying lanterns on his property.

The property is a farm with a fuel tank, wooden buildings, including a home and animal shelter, straw and, due to current weather conditions, dry vegetation including pine trees — all of which could have caught fire with potentially lethal results.

Pelham's fire department cautioned people to avoid using flying lanterns due to the potential fire hazards.

Wainfleet issued a similar warning

Flying lanterns are lanterns made out of a thin paper bag with a wick at the open end. Hot air from the lit wick makes the lantern rise, and it will float away on a breeze. As there is no control over where these lanterns will eventually land, they are considered a fire hazard.

The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal issued a warning to Health Canada as far back as 2009 that outlined the hazards and expressed its concerns about sky lanterns. The federal agency remains committed to monitoring the media about problems resulting from their use.

Many farmers and homeowners

Many farmers, and homeowners, complain about the steel wire debris they also leave behind.

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## ■ ALL HANDS ON DECK

### Police out in force for traffic blitz

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Please say their annual safety

blitz to coincide with the first day of school was a success.

Starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, every available officer partici-

pated in the Niagara Regional Police's annual All Hands on Deck traffic safety and awareness campaign.

Officers issued 66 provincial offence notices for seatbelt and seven for distracted driving. Ten drivers were issued provincial offence notices for seatbelt and child safety restraint violations and 13 more for various rules of the road violations.

There were no arrests.

The initiative, now in its 15th year, was designed to be a visible reminder to residents that children are back to school and that drivers should slow down, watch for pedestrians and pay

attention to crossing guards.

Officers targeted aggressive driving as well as distracted drivers and violation of child restraint and seatbelt laws.

For the campaign, police are grateful for the reminder because after a few months of summer some drivers may have a laissez-faire attitude towards their driving habits, police said.

More than 90 officers from the police chief to divisional detectives were reassigned from their daily duties to participate in enforcement teams that were stationed outside 75 school zones across Niagara.

"The District School Board

of Niagara appreciates the support of the Niagara Regional Police all year round, but especially on the first week back to school," said Warren Horwitz, District School Board director.

"Reminding drivers to watch out for children and respect school zone speed limits helps all students enjoy a safe, happy and successful school year."

Traffic congestion near local schools was high at certain times during the day as many parents opted to drive kids to school because of the rain.

"The (police) provide an outstanding community service and we are grateful for

their commitment to keeping students safe on their way to school and home again, not only on the first day of school, but throughout the school year," said John Cane, Niagara Catholic District School Board's education director.

Last year, more than 250 vehicles were stopped during the campaign and 138 motorists received fine notices for infractions of the Highway Traffic Act.

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**UNITED WAY:** Agency has raised about \$30 million in 51 years of caring, sharing

# It's all for the community

MICHELLE ALLENBERG  
Postmedia Network

The United Way of South Niagara tees off its new campaign Wednesday at Sparrow Lake Golf Course in Welland.

Executive director Tamara Coleman-Lawrie said the agency is looking to the community for support: "Even if folks can give a couple dollars, everything helps."

Campaign chairman David D'Angelo will speak at the kickoff on different ways people can give.

The campaign does not have leadership matches. The first will match any donations made by a person who has never donated before. The other will match new leadership gifts of \$1,000 or greater, or current leadership donors who increase their donation by 10 per cent.

The United Way of South Niagara has been working to improve the community for 51 years. If that time it has raised about \$30 million to fund agencies in Welland, Port Colborne, Pelham and Wainfleet.

"This is my third campaign, and I'm always surprised that people have heard of the United Way but they don't know what we do. But we are starting to see folks having a better understanding of what we do and our campaign," Coleman-Lawrie said.

She said "if the United Way didn't exist, there wouldn't be nutrition for (some needy) children ... agencies wouldn't be able to fund programs and services for the community."

The event will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and include a hot breakfast and spoken word artist Vanessa McGowan will perform.

"She has experienced first-hand

what people in our community have faced ... she has really brought to light the personal challenges people face," Coleman-Lawrie said, about choosing McGowan to be part of the event.

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**POLITICS**

## Change at Marineland possible: Greens

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It's time for Marineland to evolve from an animal theme park to a facility that strictly focuses on rides, says Niagara Falls Green candidate Steven Sosniak.

"We want to see them move to amusement, this means putting up more rides and roller-coasters," he said during a press conference Friday outside the Niagara Falls attraction.

"Canada's Wonderland did this. It's not impossible to do."

Sosniak was joined by Niagara Centre Green candidate David Clow, Ontario Green Leader Mike Schreiner and supporters, all who oppose whales and dolphins in captivity.

Sosniak said a Green government would be willing to financially support a Marineland transition.

"We're not going to create conflict with Marineland. Companies have to innovate all the time, they must change their business model to improve their business," he said, adding more tourists would want to visit Marineland if it no longer had captive animals.

"We don't mind if Marineland operates. We understand that there are 700 jobs here. We're not planning to phase those jobs out. I want to make that very clear. We want Marineland to move away from being a captive to the business of amusement."

"We need to protect tourism and the rights of animals at the same time."

The Greens support a federal bill that was introduced by a Nova Scotia senator in June that aims to phase out marine mammal captivity across Canada.

Tabled by Senate Liberal Wilfred Moore, the Ending the Captivity of Whales and Dolphins Act would ban breeding, acquisition and live captures of whales, dolphins and porpoises throughout the country. It expands on a similar law — Bill 80 — passed in Ontario in May that prohibits the breeding and acquisition of orcas in the province.

Moore's effort has been backed by federal Green Leader Elizabeth May.

Clow said he remembers going to Marineland on class and family trips and having "mixed feelings."

"I've been coming (to demonstrations) here for years now supporting an end to captivity. But I also know that there are two sides to every story."

That's why Clow said the federal government should assist parks such as Marineland during a phased transition.

Schreiner said the "reality" is global opinion suggests the majority of people believe it's "wrong" to keep whales and dolphins in captivity.



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A St. Catharines' memorial for workers killed on the job needs a new home.

But where that should be is a matter of debate.

The Niagara Regional Labour Council wants the granite monument moved to city hall's front lawn for emphasis. The city's public art advisory committee says other locations should be considered, because of access and esthetic issues.

St. Catharines city councillors were to debate the issue Monday.

"City hall is the political centre of St. Catharines," said Chris Graye, vice-president of Niagara District Labour Council. "By relocating the monument to city hall, it would be a clear signal to concerned citizens that the policies that are ongoing, it acknowledges they persist, and the city is acting as a leader in righting these wrongs."

Graye will be at city hall Monday asking councillors to turn down a staff recommendation that the public art advisory committee and labour council consider more options for the monument's location.

The Day of Mourning Tribute to Workers Memorial had been standing since 1995 on the corner of St. Paul and McGuire Streets,

next to the Burlington Bridge.

It was removed in 2013, though, because of construction of the bridge and temporarily placed in nearby Memorial Park, which is home to the cenotaph.

At the time, city council asked staff to get feedback from the military community on making Memorial Park the permanent site for the workers monument.

A report to council for Monday says feedback from the Royal Canadian Legion branch 24 confirmed the military community doesn't support putting a memorial of a non-military nature in the park.

The labour council then requested the memorial be installed on the grounds of city hall.

In May this year, city council asked staff to report on the cost and process for permanently relocating the monument to city hall in time for the National Day of Mourning on April 28, 2016. The public art advisory committee would be included in the decision.

Brown committee found while the city hall lawn provides plenty of space for the monument, pedestrian traffic would be limited.

It anticipated the monument would have to be set back on the Church Street lawn, making it tall at dry hall.

## DAY OF MOURNING TRIBUTE TO WORKERS MEMORIAL

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inaccessible to most passersby. The committee also said the monument, similar to a gravestone, would provide "little esthetic value to the city hall landscape."

Phil Cristi, the city's manager of programs and cultural services, said the committee went back to the Niagara Regional Labour Council and asked if it would consider going back to the original monument location. But the labour council really wants it to stay at dry hall.

"What we are trying to do is just engage the Niagara Regional Labour Council in further conversation," Cristi said.

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A female driver was transported by ambulance to the Welland hospital after her black Chrysler sedan struck a hydro pole on Cabro Rd., and was later airlifted to Hamilton, Niagara police said. Pelham Fire Services, Niagara Regional Police and Niagara EMS responded to the call at 12:30 p.m. The female driver was the only occupant of the vehicle.

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# LOCAL NEWS

■ WELLNESS: New equine therapy being offered

## Making an emotional connection

FRANKI IKEMAN  
Postmedia Network

A Niagara-based social worker is offering a new kind of therapy for people who are struggling with their mental health.

Stephanie Baker has been in social work – primarily as a talk therapist – for 10 years. She has worked in talk therapy in the Niagara region since the beginning and also taught at McMaster University and Wilfrid Laurier University.

She stumbled on FEEL (Facilitated Equine Experiential Learning) therapy through work she was doing, and when the opportunity arose for her to train in FEEL, she jumped on it.

"A lot of the horse therapy programs that exist are really geared towards folks that are living with physical and developmental disabilities," Baker said. "This is different because this caters to people more on an emotional capacity. With trauma, addiction, learning healthy boundaries, developing self-awareness."

With no prior horse contact or experience, Baker partnered with Kayla Whatling, owner of Half House Acres, an equestrian facility in Thorold, and began helping her on the farm and getting to know the horses in January.

Kayla and I are really excited because this has been several months in the making. I just

completed my training in July," Baker said. "At this point now, we're looking at offering therapy to folks who are interested and would experience a different kind of growth."

Baker's training certifies her to practice Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy. She says it's a therapy model that is really well suited for people with issues such as addiction, trauma, sexual abuse or sexual trauma, depression, anxiety and eating disorders, as well as people who have issues with communication, self-awareness and self-esteem.

"What it does is supports people in becoming more connected and more attuned with what's going on in their body,

and it speeds up the therapeutic process because the horses are so attuned to what's going on in terms of a person's energy that it helps them move through whatever it is they're wrestling with," Baker said. "It's like cognitive processing types of therapies," she said.

Baker said horses do well in this kind of work because their natural instincts as prey animals has allowed them to develop a way of living in their environment that makes them very responsive and reactive to the energies within it.

"They're very attuned to the energy in the environment and they communicate primarily non-verbally, so when you introduce a person into the mix and you're looking at doing this kind of therapy, the horses primarily do the work," Baker said.

Her role in the sessions is to get to know the clients and their needs and develop activities to help them work through whatever it is they're struggling with, she said. After that, she hands the work off to the horses.

"They're instrumental," Baker said. "I would say that I do very little in terms of this work, the horses really are the stars in this work and they are my partners."

Whatling said that Baker's progress and dedication to learning about the horses has been really great to see. She also said she was surprised at how well her horses reacted to the type of training Baker is doing.

She said she watched Baker's therapy work on one of her hoarders that was

having severe confidence issues with the horses.

"I've seen it work and it's amazing stuff," Whatling said. "I'm happy to have it here and do it here," she said of the equine program.

The therapy takes place entirely from the ground – there is no riding involved. The first session is usually used for the client to meet the horses, and which one they connect with the best.

Baker said it's more like the horses pick the person.

Whatling said all of her hoarders have given Baker permission to use their horses as they are needed, because there is no riding so no possible negative impacts on the horses.

Baker and Whatling want to spread the word that this therapy is now available.

"For me this has become a really important part of my work," Baker said. "I think what I've recognized is that cognitive processing is not enough when it comes to the more serious and chronic issues I'm working with."

Baker is taking clients on an appointment-only basis. People who are interested in speaking with her regarding therapy are encouraged to contact her at 905-641-7691 or at [stephbaker1@gmail.com](mailto:stephbaker1@gmail.com).

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Stephanie Baker, left, and Kayla Whatling with Apollo on Friday.

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You will inherit a blend of an established account base with the on-going expectation of developing new business (cold calls). With these accounts, you will develop effective advertising packages/partnerships to meet client needs and deliver sound results.

We are looking for an individual who can meet the following qualifications:

- The ability to develop long-term effective advertising solutions for established and new customers
- Proven track record in sales with superior prospecting and closing skills
- A talent for strategic thinking with an entrepreneurial edge and the ability to identify opportunity
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills, in both one-on-one and group settings
- Be a multi-tasker with the ability to prioritize work with in a deadline-driven environment
- A commitment to exceptional customer service and follow-through

Interested applicants can submit their resume no later than Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 to the attention of:

**Myra Robertson,**  
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**KERNAGHAN, Kenneth** — December 16, 1940 — September 14, 2015. Ken Kernaghan died peacefully at the age of 74 at the Welland County General Hospital. Ken is survived by his wife, Helgi; his sisters, Joyce Klyn (Wilm); and Sandra Bump (Stan); his sister-in-law, Livi Moyer; his sons, Kevin (Kelly), Scott and Kris (Laurie); his grandchildren, Jordan, Matthew, Laura, Evan and Drew. He is predeceased by his parents, William and Margaret Kernaghan and Helgi's parents, Richard and Marianne Kon. Ken was born in Hamilton, Ontario and graduated from McMaster University, where he was President of the Canadian Students' Association. In 1970, he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science. He was a professor at Brock University for 39 years, retiring in 2007. On September 7, 2015, Ken and Helgi celebrated 52 years of marriage. Together, they built a loving and supportive home for their son and daughter, Fenwick, Ontario. Ken was always generous with his love and his time and will be forever loved by his family. Ken took a special interest in the athletic, academic and vocational pursuits of his grandchildren. He also enjoyed visiting the Fenwick United Church. Ken was a renowned scholar in the field of public administration. In 1996, he received the Governor (General) Vanier Gold Medal for Excellence in Public Administration. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1997, and he received the Brock University Distinguished Professor Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004. In 2008, he was named a member of the Order of Canada "for his contributions to public administration as one of Canada's foremost scholars in the areas of ethics and accountancy, both in research and in practice." Ken was inducted into the Walker University's Alumni Gallery in 1997, he expressed that he would like to be remembered for "...above all being a devoted husband and father, secondarily being an excellent teacher and researcher." Ken's commitment to both his family and his profession has been extraordinary. In fact, in memory of his wife, Helgi, Ken made direct donations to the Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario. A private family funeral will be held at TALLMAN FUNERAL HOMES in Vineland.

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